

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
MICHIGAN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SYSTEM  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**



Reg. No.: 2013-54208  
Issue Nos.: 2006, 3000  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: July 22, 2013  
County: Wayne (82-43)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 following Claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on July 22, 2013, from Detroit, Michigan. Participants on behalf of Claimant included Claimant and [REDACTED]. Participants on behalf of the Department of Human Services (Department) included [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

1. Due to a failure to comply with the verification requirements, did the Department properly deny Claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) application?
2. Did the Department properly close Claimant's Food Assistance Program (FAP) case in 2012?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, including testimony of witnesses, finds as material fact:

1. Claimant  applied for  was receiving: FIP FAP MA SDA CDC.
2. Claimant was required to submit requested verification by May 6, 2013.
3. On April 1, 2013, the Department  
 denied Claimant's MA application.  
 closed Claimant's case.  
 reduced Claimant's benefits .

4. On May 10, 2013, the Department sent notice of the
  - denial of Claimant's application.
  - closure of Claimant's case.
  - reduction of Claimant's benefits.
  
5. On June 18, 2013, Claimant filed a hearing request, protesting the
  - denial of Claimant's application.
  - closure of Claimant's case.
  - reduction of Claimant's benefits.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Reference Tables Manual (RFT).

The Food Assistance Program (FAP) [formerly known as the Food Stamp (FS) program] is established by the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, and is implemented by the federal regulations contained in Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers FAP pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and 1997 AACS R 400.3001-3015

The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105.

### **FAP Decision**

Regulations governing the hearing and appeal process for applicants and recipients of public assistance in Michigan are found in Mich Admin Code, R 400.901 through R 400.951. Rule 400.903 provides in relevant part:

An opportunity for a hearing shall be granted to an applicant who requests a hearing because a claim for assistance is denied or is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, and to any recipient who is aggrieved by a Department action resulting in suspension, reduction, discontinuance, or termination of assistance. [R 400.903(1).]

A request for hearing must be in writing and signed by the claimant, petitioner, or authorized representative. Rule 400.904(1). Moreover, BAM 600, p. 4, provides in relevant part as follows:

The client or authorized hearing representative has *90 calendar days from the date of the written notice of case*

*action to request a hearing.* The request must be received anywhere in DHS within the 90 days. [Emphasis added.]

Claimant wished to review the Department's decision to close her FAP case in 2012.

However, Claimant did not file a request for hearing to contest the Department's action until June 18, 2013.

This Administrative Law Judge has no jurisdiction over the Department's FAP decision made in 2012, and this request is, therefore, DISMISSED.

### **MA Decision**

On April 11, 2013, Claimant applied for MA.

On April 26, 2013, the Department sent the Claimant a verification checklist requesting information, with a due date of May 6, 2013.

When Claimant failed to respond to the Department's request for verification, the Department sent Claimant a Notice of Case Action notifying her that her MA application was denied effective April 1, 2013, for failure to provide the needed verifications.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, the Administrative Law Judge concludes that the Department

properly     improperly

closed Claimant's case.

denied Claimant's application.

reduced Claimant's benefits.

### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and for the reasons stated on the record, finds that the Department's decision regarding Claimant's MA application was correct. Accordingly, the Department's MA decision is, hereby, AFFIRMED.

In addition, Claimant's request for hearing on the Department's 2012 FAP decision is, hereby, DISMISSED.



**Michael J. Bennane**  
Administrative Law Judge  
for Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: July 30, 2013

Date Mailed: July 30, 2013

**NOTICE:** Michigan Administrative Hearing System (MAHS) may order a rehearing or reconsideration on either its own motion or at the request of a party within 30 days of the mailing date of this Decision and Order. MAHS will not order a rehearing or reconsideration on the Department's motion where the final decision cannot be implemented within 90 days of the filing of the original request. (60 days for FAP cases)

The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the receipt of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

Claimant may request a rehearing or reconsideration for the following reasons:

- A rehearing **MAY** be granted if there is newly discovered evidence that could affect the outcome of the original hearing decision.
- A reconsideration **MAY** be granted for any of the following reasons:
  - misapplication of manual policy or law in the hearing decision,
  - typographical errors, mathematical error, or other obvious errors in the hearing decision that affect the substantial rights of the claimant,
  - failure of the ALJ to address other relevant issues in the hearing decision.

Request must be submitted through the local DHS office or directly to MAHS by mail at  
Michigan Administrative Hearings  
Reconsideration/Rehearing Request  
P. O. Box 30639  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-07322

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